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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR, AND SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BEDFORD,

FOR

1853-4.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN GOFFE in account with the town of BEDFORD as Treasurer for 1853 and 1854:

1854, Feb. 25th,	Dr.	
To whole amount of funds received,		$6,422 76
Funds received from former Treasurer,	2,516 67	
J. H. Stevens, on note,	1,172 76	
Interest on James Fullerton's note,	48	
Literary fund,	95 73	
John French, from Primus Chandler's estate,	28 00	
Interest on Daniel Swett's note,	4 62	
E. C. Stevens, collector 1853,	2,283 99	
Daniel Barnard, arrears of taxes on his list of 1844, interest and cost,	92 54	
Rent on Primus Chandler's house,	3 75	
Thomas Tafft's note for P. Chandler's house,	22 50	
Railroad tax,	199 46	
J. H. Stevens, collected on abatement,	1 26	
Samuel Brown, for old bridge plank,	1 00	
		$6,422 76
	Cr.	
Paid old orders,	$55 22	
Paid new orders,	2,890 61	
School money paid out,	926 25	
Cash in the treasury,	219 25	
Due from collector,	1,511 38	
		$5,602 71
Balance in the treasury,		$820 05

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bedford:

We, the undersigned, respectfully submit to the town a report of the receipts and disbursements from Feb. 28, 1853 to Feb. 28, 1854.

RECEIPTS.

The total amount of receipts during the year from all sources, as per account of treasurer,..	$6,422 76	
Add State and County tax,.....	1,285 81	
		$7,708 57

EXPENDITURES.

The total amount of expenditures for which bills have been paid and orders drawn during the past year is.....	$5,602 71	
The above sum does not include the State and County taxes, which were paid by the collector to the State and County treasurers, amounting to	1,285 81	
Which added to the other expenditures amounts to		$6,888 52
Balance unexpended, ...		$820 05

Account of ORDERS given for INCIDENTAL EXPENSES of the town in 1853 and 1854:

1853.	Joseph H. Stevens, services as selectman, ..	$104 75	
	B. F. Wallace, " "	73 50	
	Henry Hale, " "	57 00	
	O. L. Kendall, " as treasurer,...	15 00	
	J. H. Stevens, school house tax in Dis. No. 6,	100 72	
	" " " 8,	441 60	
	H. C. Parker, doctoring Stephen Moor,....	1 00	
	J. H. Stevens, abatement of Levi H. Newton's and James Austin's taxes,.....	5 33	
			$798 90
	Moody M. Stevens, abatement of poll tax,..	1 48	
	Lemuel N. Wright, superintendent of town farm,.....	175 00	
	B. F. Wallace, money paid on town note,..	420 86	
	" " Abbott, Jenks & Co., printing reports, ...	16 00	
	Daniel K. Mack, services as town clerk,....	24 88	
	James T. Kendall, services as constable, ...	5 00	
	Thomas Kendall & Co., for labor, per bill, .	93	
			$644 15
	Henry Hale, money advanced to B. Tuttle for damage from defect in Granite Street,	4 50	
	B. F. Wallace, money advanced to pay interest on the Wilson and Bailey notes,...	270 00	

Seth Campbell & Co., in part for grading Joppa Hill,	45 00	
B. F. Wallace, money advanced to pay interest on sundry town notes,	126 00	
John Barr and Leonard C. French, services and expenses as a committee to Concord on annexation to the city,	29 50	
		$475 00
D. & D. J. Clark, services in Boynton & Stratton road case in 1852,	22 00	
Rev. Thomas Savage, interest on ministerial fund in part,	113 21	
B. F. Wallace, to pay int'st on town notes,	75 00	
E. C. Stevens, money advanced for county institute,	28 39	
Agnes Houston, money paid on her note,	35 00	
David K. Mack, services as town clerk in 1853,	20 28	
David Atwood, making chest for weights and measures,	4 00	
William H. Fisk, record books,	1 95	
Isaac Dow, repairing pound gate,	50	
O. L. Kendall, postage, &c.,	48	
Joseph H. Stevens, abatement of sundry taxes in 1850, 1851, 1852,	16 21	
Sherborn Dearborn, services connected with the burial of Charles Boynton,	5 50	
Ira Barr, paints, oils, &c., for town house,	63 83	
		$364 35
E. C. Stevens, money advanced on A. Houston's note	40 00	
Page Campbell & Co., in full for grading Joppa hill,	20 00	
Samuel Gardner, boarding Mrs. Harnden,	25 00	
John French, money advanced for nursing &c., Mrs. Thomas Harris,	12 00	
E. C. Stevens, non-resident road tax worked out,	20	
John French, money advanced on poor farm,	27 98	
Ivers Smith, assistance in regard to Charles Boynton,	1 50	
Greenleaf Walker, taking care of pall cloth,	1 00	
P. P. Woodbury, abatement in tax,	19 05	
Isaac Gage, abatement for mistake in tax,	6 35	
Samuel Chandler, rent on Primus Chandler's lease,	6 00	
B. F. Wallace, money advanced on incidentals,	35 06	
Clarke & Bell, services in Boynton road case,	10 00	
D. & D. J. Clark, services in Boynton & Stratton road cases,	30 00	
Mrs. Hannah Smith, boarding Titus Moor,	72 00	
B. F. Wallace, money advanced, &c., on county pauper, as per bill,	7 50	

Account of orders for LABOR on Highways and Bridges :

Paid Sewel Stratton, widening New Boston road,	61	20
Smith & Wallace, plank for Granite Bridge,	120	62
" " chestnut plank for sewer,	30	28
Hall & Bryant, building road near Damon's Mill,	23	01
John Goffe, road damage,	250	00
Sewel Stratton, labor on New Boston road,	11	00
Rodolphus Briggs, land damages,	45	00
Simon Jenness, labor on Hartshorn hill,	2	75
Sherborn Dearborn, labor on county road,	3	00
D. K. Boutelle, labor on highway in 1852,	1	88
John D. Riddle, widening bridge near Damon's Mill,	50	00
B. F. Wallace, money paid for labor on highways,	8	00
E. C. Stevens, abatement of Charles Boynton's tax,	3	44
B. F. Wallace, money advanced to pay execution against the town for expenses in laying out the Stratton road,	66	34
Nehemiah Kittredge, labor on highway,	7	40
Frederick Swett, labor on Hartshorn hill,	1	00
Moses Swett, " "	2	65
Benjamin Hall, labor on county road,	12	87
John Barr, labor on highways,	6	50
James Walker, labor on highways and bridges,	38	06
Rodolphus Briggs, job on Jenness road,	46	56
Daniel Barnard, " " "	46	56
Simon Jenness, posts for railing to highway,	5	00
Joshua Vose, repairing New Boston road,	21	00
Charles H. Moor, labor on highway,	6	25
Henry Hall, chestnut plank for meadow bridge,		79
M. M. Stevens, repairing road and bridge,	2	55
Albert Riddle, repairing Wallace bridge,	1	50
E. C. Stevens, labor on county road,	5	25
" " on Boynton road,	3	00
David P. Cada, labor on county road,	4	50
William Cada, " " "	1	50
B. F. Wallace, cash advanced and labor on Gran. Bridge,	21	95

Account of ORDERS for breaking roads :

Paid David Stevens,	2	00
George Webber,		50
Moses Gage,		80
Alford Jones,	4	80
Joseph Butterfield, 1852 and 1853,	2	00
Frederick Swett,		80
Moses Swett,		70
Simon Jenness,		70
George Hodgman,	1	50
C. H. Moore,	1	75
Rufus Parkhurst,	9	30
M. M. Stevens,	2	20
David P. Cada,	6	00
Charles F. Shepard,	6	70
William Moor, 2d, 1852,	3	00
Solomon Manning,	1	50

Dudley Merrill, 1852,		1 70
Nehemiah Kittredge,		5 50
John Goffe,		3 50
Ephraim Heald,		6 26

DEMANDS against the Treasury not yet called for:

School Money,	174 06	
Outstanding orders, town officers, &c.,	450 00	
Damages due on Shirley road,	337 00	
" " Stratton road,	145 00	
Boutelle & Parker, road at Squog,	141 00	
Superintendent of Poor Farm,	131 00	
On Boynton road,	324 75	
		$1,702 81
Deduct amount in the treasury,		820 05
		881 76
Also amount expended on Granite bridge and street since annexation, due from Manchester,		210 91
Balance against the Treasury,		$670 85

Amount due on Notes for money to build Granite Bridge, besides interest due at the end of the year,	$7,850 00
Amount borrowed for Boynton road,	2,431 87
To which add balance against the treasury,	670 85
Showing the indebtedness of the town to be	$10,952 72
Besides the amount due on Agnes Houston's note,	400 00
Total,	$11,352 72

The $670 85 increase of expenditures over the income, arises as will be perceived, from building the Jenness road, so called, near Damon's mills, amounting to	461 13
And the damages on the Shirley and Stratton roads,	482 00
And the amount drawn from the treasury for the Boynton road,	324 75
Total,	$1,268 05

The ordinary expenses of the town, exclusive of roads and interest on town debt, have been less the present, than in former years.

The whole expense of the Boynton road when completed, will be,	$2,756 62
Money borrowed to build it,	2,431 87
Leaving to be drawn from the treasury,	324 75

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. WALLACE,
HENRY HALE,
E. C. STEVENS,
} *Selectmen of Bedford.*

The Overseer of the Poor in the town of Bedford presents the following

REPORT:

Feb. 20, 1854. DR.

The INCOME and EXPENDITURES of Town Farm.

To amount paid for Farm,			$2,433 05
Interest on the same one year,	145 98		
Stock on hand, Feb. 20, 1853,	628 00		
Hay and straw,	415 00		
			1,188 98
To produce and provisions on hand per last year's report,			240 62
paid Superintendent,	200 00		
" Walter F. C. Heath, 14½ days' haying,	17 81		
" Henry Hale,	18 62		
" Sally Harris, work in family,	8 60		
" Lucinda French, "	2 75		
" Joseph Marshall, for labor,	6 92		
" H. Hale, sawing 3014 feet lumber,	5 81		
" Peter Woods for labor,	1 37		
			261 88
1 bushel grass seed,	3 50		
15 lbs. clover,	1 87		
1 hoe,	58		
1 manure fork,	1 88		
10 bush. oats,	5 00		
1 yoke oxen,	115 00		
1 tin pail,	50		
Thread,	32		
Fish,	1 24		
			129 89
11 lbs. saleratus,	78		
10 yds. drilling,	1 40		
2 papers garden seeds,	12		
10 yds. ticking,	1 20		
2 earthern pots,	25		
7 yds. calico,	56		
Crackers,	50		
1 hat,	17		
Matches,	15		
1 broom,	25		
2 cakes soap,	10		
¼ lb. nutmeg,	37		
½ lb. cassia,	22		
8 lbs. nails,	37		
			6 44
1 kit mackerel,	1 50		
2 scythes,	1 83		
1 pair shoes,	80		
1 knife,	25		
5 yds. sheeting,	43		
1 pair pants,	1 75		
Brandy,	46		
1 cranberry rake,	1 42		

1 whip lash,	22	
1 lb. resin,	04	
2 qts. spirit,	25	
1 paring machine,	50	
½ lb. cream tartar,	15	
		9 60
1 web sheeting, 40 yds.,	3 40	
1 ball twine,	08	
1 land side to plough,	75	
4 ox balls,	20	
1 set plough castings,	3 83	
¾ lb. allspice,	15	
4 lbs. rice,	22	
2 lbs. raisins,	28	
D. Parker, for lamb,	64	
1 buffalo robe,	5 25	
Jo. Marshall, for butchering,	67	
Jo. Butterfield, for labor,	2 17	
4 pipes,	02	
¼ lb. pepper,	06	
		17 72
1 augur,	50	
1 file,	45	
Mending shoes,	1 10	
1 paper tacks,	13	
1 shovel,	1 00	
1 lb. logwood,	08	
5 yds. drilling,	70	
1 bottle liniment,	50	
Goods bought of White,	1 31	
1 strainer,	33	
3 pigs,	6 50	
2 bush. potatoes,	65	
10 lbs. coffee,	1 17	
Salt,	5 99	
		20 41
1½ lbs. tobacco,	37	
43½ lbs. codfish,	1 74	
23 galls. molasses,	6 10	
11 qts. oil,	2 67	
14 lbs. tea,	6 92	
5 bbls. flour,	34 87	
6 bushels rye,	6 87	
93 lbs. sugar,	6 65	
2 lbs. ginger,	25	
3 plough points,	1 60	
1 pint gin,	17	
2 lbs. nails,	12	
Fixing 2 axes,	1 50	
1 bush. rye,	92	
		70 75
6 lbs. sugar; 1 oz. indigo,	54	
1 wool hat; 1 lb. tobacco,	1 00	

38 lbs. beef,.....	2 09	
Daniel Jaquith, for labor and plough,.....	13 64	
" " for use of bull,.....	3 00	
D. Jones, for surveying lumber,.....	25	
Pasturing cattle,.....	17 50	
Jo. Butterfield, for labor,.....	3 00	
		41 02
Blacksmith work,.....		15 33
P. P. Woodbury, doctoring R. Gregg,.....	1 00	
" " " Charles M'Cain,.....	10 00	
" " " Wiseman Parker,.....	14 00	
G. W. Moor, doctoring F. Parker,.....	9 00	
" " " E. Gardner,.....	6 00	
" " " C. Clough,.....	5 25	
Henry C. Parker, doctoring Primus Chandler,....	1 00	
Dr. Eaton, " W. Parker,.....	1 00	
		47 25
1 coffin for P. Chandler,.....	3 00	
1 robe,.....	75	
Digging grave for P. Chandler,.....	75	
		4 50
1 coffin, 1 robe and 1 cravat for W. Parker,.....	4 59	
Digging grave and other expenses,.....	3 30	
		7 89
Cash paid Widow Hannah Smith, due from Primus Chandler,.....		1 50
Cash paid for support of PAUPERS off the Farm:		
To Selectmen of Weare, for doctoring Wm. M'Cain's family,.....	12 75	
Cash paid town of Andover, for Wm. G. Baldwin,.	45 00	
" Wm. M'Cain,.....	4 00	
" Mrs. Harnden,.....	25 00	
" for taking care of Mrs. Harris,.....	12 00	
		98 75
COUNTY PAUPERS.		
Cash paid Dolly Campbell,.....	26 00	
" for burial of Mrs. Jackson and support of children,.....	14 50	
		40 50
Whole account,.....		$4,636 08

Feb. 24, 1854. Cr.

By amount paid for farm,.....	$2,433 05	
1 yoke oxen,.....	125 00	
1 pair 4 years old steers,.....	85 00	
8 cows and 14 young cattle,.....	359 00	
1 horse,.....	120 00	
3 shoats,.....	30 00	
35 fowls,.....	10 00	
		729 00

25 tons English hay,	400 00	
4 " meadow "	28 00	
1 ton oat straw,	10 00	
¼ ton mowed oats and hay,	4 00	
Husks and stalks,	6 00	
		448 00
55 bushels corn,	60 50	
59 " oats,	29 50	
50 " potatoes,	25 00	
30 " turnips,	7 50	
1 " beets,	40	
1 " carrots,	25	
4 dozen cabbages,	2 50	
1 bbl. apples,	2 00	
2½ " cider,	5 00	
¾ " vinegar,	3 00	
12 gallons pickles,	2 00	
2 quarts boiled cider,	25	
1½ bbl. soap,	6 50	
1¼ " beef,	15 00	
1½ " pork,	35 00	
260 pounds ham,	32 50	
8½ " sausages,	1 10	
21 " butter,	4 50	
66 " lard,	8 50	
Tallow and candles,	4 75	
39¾ pounds dried apples,	3 50	
98 " cheese,	8 32	
1½ bushels meal,	1 80	
1 bbl. flour,	9 00	
3 pecks colored beans,	1 00	
3 bush. white beans,	6 00	
2½ " cranberries,	7 75	
		283 12

PRODUCE SOLD.

1 bbl. apples,	1 00	
300 pounds hay,	2 70	
2 bush. oats,	1 00	
200 pounds oat straw,	1 00	
5 lbs. cheese,	50	
1 cheese,	1 20	
1 doz. cabbages,	50	
Cabbages and turnips,	75	
D. Fullerton, 1 cow,	20 00	
J. H. Stevens, 4895 lbs. hay,	44 05	
2 calves,	7 50	
1 sheep,	5 00	
1 chicken,	25	
		85 45
1 gall. vinegar and one shovel,	75	
15¾ lbs. cheese,	1 58	
B. F. Wallace, 2040 lbs. hay,	18 38	
D. Moor, one bed,	6 00	

J. French, 1 ton hay,	16 50	
Jo. Marshall, 35 bush. oats,	17 50	
D. G. Atwood, 1 pair steers,	85 00	
Paper rags,	82	
J. H. Stevens, 2502 lbs. hay,	22 51	
D. Jaquith, for labor,	5 00	
J. French, for hay,	15 00	
D. Moor, 1 bbl. cider,	1 50	
Jo. Marshall, for hay,	9 60	
Keeping A. Marshall,	50	
½ bush. potatoes,	12	
H. Hale, 3 lbs. cheese,	30	
		201 06
D. G. Atwood, 1468 lbs. hay,	11 84	
Poultry sold alive,	2 60	
Peaches sold,	1 25	
Plums,	96	
Boot between steers,	40 00	
Milk,	3 04	
425 feet boards,	4 25	
1 bush. cranberries,	2 50	
2 hides,	5 94	
155 lbs. meat,	9 26	
12 pumpkins,	60	
1 bbl. cider,	1 50	
J. Moor, hay,	16 50	
Poultry sold,	8 22	
Drawing sleepers,	22	
J. Marshall, ½ bush. apples,	42	
N. Parker, 1 yoke,	1 42	
10 sleepers,	2 50	
		113 02
Drawing brick,	31 62	
36½ dozen eggs,	5 00	
341¾ lbs. butter,	62 71	
S. Lund, 1 bull,	10 00	
3½ bush. cranberries,	9 38	
900 clapboards,	12 50	
1500 feet lumber at Hale's mill and in the barn,	12 00	
		143 21
Cash left by Primus Chandler,	67	
Cash of J. H. Stevens, belonging to P. Chandler,	28 05	
Cash of A. Chandler, "	1 16	
For old house,	25 00	
Cash from the county in April,	15 00	
" " in October,	28 00	
For support of W. Parker,	31 64	
		129 52

LUMBER ON HAND.

14011 feet pine timber,	147 11	
6000 feet mostly hemlock, at York's mill, not sawed,	36 00	
200 sleepers,	44 00	

813 posts and rails,	32 52	
		259 63
Whole amount credit,		$4,825 06
Whole amount debt,		4,636 08
Leaving a balance of		$188 98

in favor of the farm after paying the interest on the same and the whole expense of the poor the past year.

It will be seen by the above report, that the whole expense of the poor the past season has been charged to the farm; while in former reports only those supported on the farm. What has been paid in past years, for those supported off the farm, may be seen by former reports of the town. There has been much more sickness than usual the past season in the family, which has occasioned more than ordinary expense of time and money to take care of them. Five have been supported there the past season, and another about half the time, beside Caroline Clough who has been there for what she could do. I think the farm capable of supporting all the paupers in years to come if rightly managed, and that it has been the aim of Mr. Wright and his wife, to manage the affairs on the place with fidelity and economy, and for the best interest of the town.

JOHN FRENCH,

Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT ON SCHOOLS.

The undersigned submits the following annual Report of the state of the Schools in the town of Bedford:

District No. 1. This school, which is small, made good progress under both teachers, especially in the branch of reading, which received particular attention during the winter term, when the school was better attended, and very successful under its experienced teacher.

Summer term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 11; Miss Darrah, teacher. Winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 18; Miss Briggs, teacher.

District No. 2. This district have had the wisdom to keep together and suffer the slight inconvenience, in some cases, of being distant from school, rather than weaken themselves by division. The teachers the past year, acquitted themselves well. A reply in the winter register, to the inquiry as to maintaining order in school, is worthy of notice: "I have found that employment is the best means, with persuasion, to secure good order in school." This teacher governed without severity.

Summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 30; Miss Vose, teacher. Winter term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 41; Mr. Fosdick, teacher.

District No. 3. This school still sustains its good standing. The county commissioner was much gratified with his call last winter. The examination at the close was interesting.

Summer term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 21; Miss Colby, teacher. Winter term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 25; Miss Eastman, teacher.

District No. 4. This school was somewhat affected by prevailing sickness and mortality in the neighborhood, making the attendance less regular and the general aspect of the school less encouraging, than under other circumstances might be expected; still there was something accomplished.

Summer term, 15 weeks; number of scholars, 19; Miss M. Dole, teacher. Winter term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 21; Miss M. Dole, teacher.

District No. 5. This large and respectable school was under the care of teachers who felt their responsibility and performed their duties with fidelity.

This district and its neighbor, No. 14, having been annexed to the city of Manchester, our connexion with these schools will of course henceforth cease.

Summer term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 58; Miss Hamblett, teacher. Winter term, 10½ weeks; number of scholars, 53; Mr. Marshall, teacher.

District No. 6. This school, generally very small, has of late increased in numbers, and of course requires increasing efficiency in government. On this account the improvement in the winter was not so great as it might have been, had the teacher, who was otherwise well qualified, had more experience.

Summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 13; Miss Stevens, teacher. Winter term, 3½ weeks; number of scholars, 20; Miss Ferguson, teacher.

District No. 7. It so happened, that the committee did not visit at the closing examination of either term of this school,—in one case, on account of sickness of the teacher, in the other, not being notified.

Summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 23; Miss Wallace, teacher. Winter term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 26; Mr. Cooke, teacher.

District No. 8. Both teachers of this school enjoyed the confidence and affection of the pupils, and thus secured one great element of success. Another element may be mentioned, as in operation here, that many of the parents take a deep interest in the subject of education.

Summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 30; Miss Wentworth, teacher. Winter term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 41; Mr. Gilchrist, teacher.

District No. 9. This school was taught by sisters of kindred spirit and superior qualifications. The committee regretted being prevented by an engagement from being present during a part of the winter examination, which, judging from the commencement, must have been entirely satisfactory.

Summer term, 8½ weeks; number of scholars, 15; Miss S. J. Jones, teacher. Winter term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 27; Miss Hannah M. Jones, teacher.

District No. 10. This school showed the advantage of employing, if possible, the same teacher both terms. At the close of one of the examinations, the committee were sorry to notice the absence of a number of the scholars. It was marked by an affecting scene, the presentation to the teacher by one of the scholars, of a handsome pocket bible, procured by small subscriptions. The teacher made an impressive reply.

Summer term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 27; Miss Patch, teacher. Winter term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 31; Miss Patch, teacher.

District No. 11. The school-house being in Merrimack, the returns go to that town.

District No. 12. At a former period, this school was one of the most forward in the town. The same cannot be said of it now. The teachers have labored faithfully. Some classes did well in arithmetic.

Summer term, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 25; Miss Nevins, teacher. Winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 25: Miss French, teacher.

District No. 13. The winter term was lengthened by subscription, and the public examination was deferred to the close of the private school, which was attended by most of the scholars.

Summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 20; Miss Savage, teacher. Winter term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 25; Miss Bangs, teacher.

District No. 14. This school opened with very favorable prospects, but the teacher left unexpectedly, to engage in another school; and under her successor, the number was greatly diminished, partly by the removal of families and from other causes unknown to the committee. Instead of the small, inconvenient house, there will, no doubt, soon be a commodious building for this large and important school.

Summer term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 61; Miss Flanders, teacher. Winter term, 16 weeks; number of scholars, 33; Miss Burbank, teacher.

UNION. This district, the number of scholars being very small, appropriated all their money to the winter school. The result showed the wisdom of their course.

Winter term, 15 weeks; number of scholars, 17; Miss Stevens, teacher.

In conclusion, among many remarks that might be made, the committee will make but a single suggestion with regard to one branch of education,—Reading. It is a most desirable attainment, and one which every person should strive to obtain. But does it receive that attention it deserves? One of the grand secrets of good reading, and which is very much neglected, is to study to comprehend the ideas and emotions of the author. "I hold," says Mr. Everett, "that to read the English language well, that is, with intelligence, feeling, spirit and effect, is a most important part of a good education." It is encouraging, that this department of learning, is becoming more highly appreciated throughout the State.

THOMAS SAVAGE,
Superintending Committee.

Bedford, Feb'y 24, 1854.